

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

AN INVESTIGATION INTO REPORTING)
REQUIREMENTS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR) ADMINISTRATIVE
CUSTOMER-OWNED COIN-OPERATED TELEPHONES) CASE NO. 348

O R D E R

The Commission, on its own motion, is hereby establishing this case to investigate whether its current policies on reporting requirements and assessments for customer-owned coin-operated telephones ("COCOTs") should be modified. Currently, the Commission requires all COCOTs to file annual reports and to pay an annual assessment pursuant to KRS 278.140 and KRS 278.150.

Several COCOTs have contacted Commission Staff complaining about the filing requirements and the amount of the assessments that are required even though they may own only one or a few phones. Additionally, there are instances where the minimum assessment that each COCOT is required to pay is close to, or even more than, the amount of revenue earned from providing the service. COCOTs which own few phones may be choosing to discontinue service rather than comply with the current Commission requirements, resulting in a reduction in the availability of payphone service in Kentucky.

The Commission is therefore interested in reviewing comments addressing the appropriateness of its current policy regarding reporting requirements and assessments. Comments should address

the alternative of exempting some or all COCOTs from these requirements pursuant to KRS 278.512; should specify and separately address each criteria identified in KRS 278.512; and suggest any factors that would govern which COCOTs should be exempted.

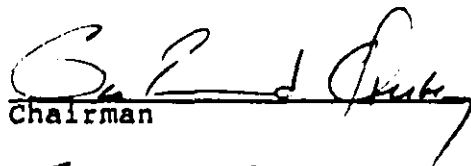
The Commission requests all COCOT providers to submit their recommendations and encourages other interested parties to file comments.

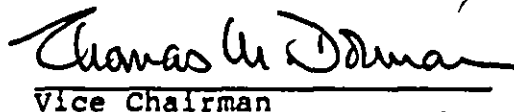
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

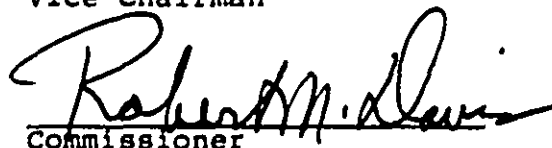
1. All COCOT providers are parties in this investigation.
2. The COCOT providers shall file comments as described above within 45 days of the date of this Order.
3. Any other person or entity wishing to participate in this investigation should file a motion to intervene, together with its comments, within 45 days of the date of this Order.
4. A copy of this Order shall be sent to the Office of Attorney General, Utility and Rate Intervention Division.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 5th day of April, 1993.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:


Executive Director